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SUBJECT: FRENCH EXPECTATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

1. DURING CALL BY EMBOFF, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S CABINET, MAURICE ULRICH, DISCUSSED FRENCH EXPECTATIONS FROM UPCOMING EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING JULY 16-17. PRESIDENT GISCARD'S MONETARY PREOCCUPATION AND ENERGY CONFERENCE EXPECTATIONS WILL BE LEADING AGENDA ITEMS, BUT PORTUGAL AND GENERAL TREND OF EUROPEAN MOVEMENT AFTER BRITISH REFERENDUM WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

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2. FONMINISTER'S CABINET DIRECTOR TOLD EMBOFF IN DISCUSSION OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING JULY 16-17 THAT MOST IMPORTANT ITEM FOR DISCUSSION IN FRENCH VIEW WILL BE PRESIDENT GISCARD'S INITIATIVE FOR A MONETARY "SUMMIT" ALONG LINES HE PROPOSED IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST, JR. TEN DAYS AGO. ULRICH SAID FRENCH HAD NOT DISCUSSED THIS INITIATIVE WITH OTHER EC PARTNERS YET, BUT QUALIFIED HIS DENIAL BY STATING HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER GISCARD HAD TALKED TO THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR ON THEIR "HOT LINE." HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVED SCHMIDT SHARES GISCARD'S BELIEF IN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MONETARY PROBLEM.

3. SECOND IMPORTANT ITEM ON THEIR EUROPEAN AGENDA IN ULRICH'S EYES WOULD BE PROGRAM FOR RENEWED ENERGY CONFERENCE AS DISCUSSED DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT. ULRICH WAS CAREFUL TO POINT OUT THAT FRENCH WOULD PROTECT THE PRIORITY THEY ATTACH TO BILATERAL US-FRENCH AGREEMENT AND COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD.

4. CABINET DIRECTOR NOTED THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING WOULD BE CONCERNED IN A GENERAL WAY WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER PROGRESS IN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FIELDS FOR EUROPE IN THE WAKE OF THE BRITISH REFERENDUM. AS HE PUT IT, THE REFERENDUM IS OVER BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHETHER THE BRITISH WILL BE ACTIVE EUROPEANS OR NOT.

5. FINAL IMPORTANT SUBJECT MENTIONED BY ULRICH WAS PORTUGAL, WHICH HE INDICATED WOULD CERTAINLY BE FOCUS OF DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL PARTICIPANTS.  
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